

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year for Los Angeles is incredibly dangerous and disappointing. Thousands of jobs are at risk, including many hard working experts of their fields. Why are we cutting multiple criminologists but jacking up the budget for LAPD? What is the point of a police presence without criminologists to convict their cases? How will you as council members just sit there and approve for the killing of thousands of animals as the animal services department is gutted? If Traci Park approves of this budget then those deaths are blood on her hands as she approves the closure of the West LA animal shelter. The council should be ashamed of approving this budget without providing necessary laws to prevent those needless deaths. Puppy mills and backyard dog breeding is still rampant in this city causing our poor animal services departments to be overwhelmed. Additionally, the cuts to metro transit while also touting our transit system as undergoing massive growth for the upcoming olympics is atrocious. How are we to become the vibrant city you want the world to see if you cant even fund the projects we have going on now. The only solution is to end immunity for the disgusting LAPD. Require that each officer hold liability insurance, and hold them accountable for the crimes they commit on the job. Then you need to slash their budgets to ensure the rest of this city can thrive. LAPD does nothing to protect this city, and routinely harms its people. We do not trust the LAPD, and we do not trust our government institutions to protect us. Our city is unsafe because of LAPD and will continue to be unsafe until reckless cops are individually held liable for their actions on the job.